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SUBJ: 28TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY--THIRD COMMITTEE INTRODUCTION

ITEM 53 (B), DECADE TO ELIMINATE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

1. AT BEGINNING OF MEETING CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED AFRICA AND LA GROUPS NOT YET AGREED ON VICE CHAIRMEN.

2. MARC SCHREIBER, DIRECTOR, HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION, GAVE LENGTHY INTRODUCTION TO THIS ITEM. WHILE MOST OF HIS REMARKS WERE MERELY A REVIEW OF EXISTING DOCUMENTATION, HE RAISED SEVERAL QUESTIONS THAT MERIT PARTICULAR ATTENTION BY THE THIRD COMITE. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE GA MIGHT WISH TO REVIEW PLANS FOR COORDINATION OF THE DECADE AS OUTLINED IN PARA 18 OF DRAFT PROGRAM (ANNEX 1 TO A/9094). HE THEN PLEADED CASE OF SECT THAT ADDITIONAL RESOURCES MUST BE ALLOCATED TO HRD IF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECADE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL. HE SAID THAT PRESENTLY THERE ARE INSUFFICIENT RESOURCES AND THAT SECT IN DUE COURSE WILL SUBMIT A STATEMENT ON FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS. IN PARTICULAR HE STATED THAT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ONLY TWO HUMAN RIGHTS SEMINARS AND ONE ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN ANY ONE YEAR AND

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NOTED THAT MANY DELS FEEL THAT MORE SHOULD BE HELD.

3. SEPT 26 MORNING MEETING CANCELLED AND THIRD COMITE
RESUMES DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM SEPT 26 P.M.

4. COMMENT: QUESTION OF STAFFING FOR HRD DISCUSSED AT
LENGTH BY ACABQ WHICH CONCLUDED THAT IT PRESENTLY HAS
EXCESS CAPACITY WHICH SHOULD PERMIT IT TO CARRY OUT BOTH
PRESENT AND ANTICIPATED WORKLOAD (SEE A/9008, PARAS 20.
1FF). GIVEN OUR GENERALLY POSITIVE POSITIONS ON HR DECADE,
AND ABOVE CONCLUSION OF ACABQ, MISSION EXPRESSES HOPE THAT
THESE TWO FACTORS BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION BY DEPT IN
DETERMINING OUR POSITION FOR BOTH THIRD AND FIFTH COMITES
WHEN FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS ARE
DISCUSSED.

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